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Thanks

.. to ANZ Bank for donation of \$400 to purchase sports equipment.
.. to those parents who have booked for room 6 next week (slots still available).

People of the week

.. as this was National Support Staff Week we would like to thank our dedicated support staff for the fantastic work they do ... life would be a great deal harder without you all.
.. Misha very thoughtfully shared her umbrella with a staff member walking down from the carpark upon noticing they were getting wet during the heavy rain early in the week.
.. Brooke receiving "Player of the Day" Kamo football team Young Guns.
.. Levi received "Tackler of the Day" for JB1 Kamo White.

Term Events

Please pencil the following dates into your calendar (a few are tentative).
We will advise of further dates as these come to hand.

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| 17 June | Year 4 to 6 Winter Sports Tournament (pp 24.6) |
| 25 June | Middle school ten pin bowling |
| 26 June | Portfolios sent home |
| 30 J/1 May | Parent / teacher interviews |
| 2 July | Year 8 girls HPV vaccination 2 |
| 4 July | Final day of term 2 (term 3 starts 21.7) |

Parent / Teacher Interviews .. Room 6

If your child is in room 6 and you have not managed to book an appointment please contact Helen. Parents are reminded that interviews are of 15 minutes duration. Please remember to bring your child's portfolio with you (sent home either today or Monday) and to jot down any questions or concerns beforehand.

Homestay for an international student

If you have a son in either of our year 7 and 8 classes and would be willing to host a Korean student (boy) of similar age for approximately one month next term please contact Kevin. \$220 per week is the customary charge. Homestays need to be visited prior and police vets undertaken on all adults residing in the house. This can be a very positive cultural experience for all involved.

Notice of early finish to school days

Please note that school finishes at 2:30 PM on 30 June and 1 July to allow teachers time to prepare for interviews. Please note that buses will run approximately 30 minutes earlier on these days. Parents who pick their children up from school are asked to do so at this earlier time please. We apologise for any inconvenience caused by these changes. (Please note that bus drop off times can vary from the usual on these days due to unpredictable bus loadings).

Some reminders from the last newsletter

- .. Please take extra care negotiating the lower bus bay at drop off and pick up times. Please walk your children to your vehicle where possible.
- .. Headlice ... please check your child(ren's) hair weekly and respond promptly where necessary.
- .. Parents of year 7 and 8 children who have not yet paid their child's technology fees are asked to do so as soon as possible please,
- .. Please remember the 40 km speed limit when passing the school before and after school.
- .. If your child will be in year 9 next year and you have not yet advised Mr D of your secondary school preferences please do so next week.
- .. Science Fair - Year 7 and 8 ... please keep checking your child's timeline
- .. Scholastic Book Club .. Issue 4 was issued last week. All orders and payment due in at the office please by Friday 20th June.

Maths Labs - Term 3

A number of parents have informed us that they would place their children in after school labs if it was not for the weekly winter sports practices. Next term we will offer labs on 3 days (instead of 2) to remove this barrier to involvement. Children must still attend 2 sessions per week and days are not interchangeable once they have been set. This is a valuable and very inexpensive opportunity to give your child a learning boost. If you receive an invitation to enrol your child please give this serious consideration. Our data tells us that these children are making accelerated progress .. and we cannot guarantee maths labs in 2015. Any questions please contact Kevin, Katie or your child's teacher.

Junior School Request

It would be very much appreciated if anyone could donate to the Junior School some spare boys clothes - trousers/trackies and t-shirts. Thank you.



Whanau Meeting

... will now be held at 3:15 PM on Friday 27 June.

On the Te Reo front

- .. phrase of the week for this week - "Me haere tatou". Let's go.
- .. the school song music has now been uploaded to the school website thanks to Mr Schuster.

Out of Zone Enrolments

The school is already receiving out of zone enquiries. The board remains committed to keeping our roll below 300 and so out of zone places will be strictly limited in 2015. **If you are an out of zone family with a child turning 5 next year can you please advise Kevin by 24 June.** This is NOT a guarantee of placement but we do try hard to reserve places for siblings of current out of zone students. In 2013 some families did not respond to this request and, consequently, we had the difficult task of advising them that we were unable to accept their child for the following year.

International Schools competitions

A reminder that these exams are scheduled as follows ... English - 29 July ... Mathematics -12 August. Practice papers for the English exam were issued this week. It is the responsibility of parents to ensure that children sit at least 2 practice papers a week at home (parents will also need to mark these - marking sheet provided).

Winter Sports Tournaments - Years 4 to 6 - 17.6 (pp 24.6)

We now urgently require any outstanding consents for the above event please.

Please ensure children bring their Matarau T-shirts, gear appropriate to their sport, lunch, drink bottle, warm jacket and spending money at your discretion. Children will travel by bus returning by 3:00 PM.

Parents are warmly invited to support our teams by dropping by to Kensington Park at any time throughout the day.

Term Fees

Parents who opted for term payment of school contributions and activity fees will have received a payment request earlier this term. If you have not yet paid please do so at your convenience. Remember to contact us if you want to discuss alternative payment arrangements.

Matarau Hockey

Well done to the following "Players of the Day"



Mini Sticks
Zac



Matarau Tui
Alex

Famine

Sponsorship money was due at school today. If your child has not returned their sponsor money (and sponsor booklet) please ensure this is brought to school on Monday. Thank you!

Finally

Next week the parents of room 6 children will receive portfolios and National Standards data sheets (with the rest of the school receiving these around one week later). At Matarau School we have gone to considerable lengths to ensure that both of these documents provide you with diverse impressions of your child's progress and attainment. We encourage parents to ...

- ... look at progress over time and note patterns (as opposed to 'one offs')
 - ... not place too much emphasis on assessment results that contradict established patterns - this happens!
 - ... balance data based assessments with samples in the portfolio (these are just as important)
 - ... understand that children accelerate, slow, plateau, and accelerate again ... just as we do as adults
 - ... remember that norm referenced scores are very difficult to shift in the short (and sometimes the longer) term ... these tests are designed this way.
 - ... National Standards are very broadly based ... across multiple tests and including hundreds of skill areas.
- Again, most children may shift in test areas but may well not shift their National Standards assessment.
- ... celebrate the gains and be positive about the next steps

Regards

Kevin Trehwella
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CD's DVD's - Free to a Good Home

"Due to a recent culling of IT resources, various CDs and DVDs have been deemed superfluous to the school's needs. Many of these are older, but may still be of use. These are available for the taking and are able to be viewed in the front office area from the beginning of the week."

Community Notices

For Sale - Pinecones for sale \$7.00 per bag, Phone Jared or Hayden on 4335565.

Wanted – Old timber and roofing iron suitable for building a children's bus shelter. Please contact Dan 0275034076.

Time Travelling Musical Adventure - Rising Starz performs "Timelord" at Captaine Bougainville Theatre, Forum North. Saturday 14th June 1pm & 6pm. Suitable for all ages \$8 a ticket. Tickets available from students of Rising Starz or Kauri Shop, Town Basin. For more info email risingstarznz@gmail.com or ph/text 021 441 455.

Northland Youth Theatre - Term 2 Classes start up on Monday the 5th! Juniors: Classes for 9-11 years, Tuesdays 4pm-5.30pm with Jan Fisher, Experience the art and learn the craft of theatre through theatre games, creative movement and improvisation with Jan. Intermediates: Classes for 12-13 years, Mondays 4pm-5.30pm with Naomi Bromberg. For more info phone 09 438 4453 or email office@nyt.org.nz

Minecraft Courses – Back by popular demand with all new content. Bubble Dome are offering June holiday courses - Minecraft Java & Plugins and Minecraft Inventions & Challenges where children will create plugins using the Java programming language and taking part in a range of architectural and engineering challenges. Financial assistance available for students. Ph 0800438282, email info@bubbledome.co.nz or book online at www.bubbledome.co.nz.

OSCAR School Holiday Programme - All Stars-Kids in Action, Monday 7th – Friday 11th July, Monday 14th – Friday 18th July. Raumanga - The Pulse, 8.00am-5.30pm, \$35.00per day, 5-14 years. Activities will include: Lazer Maze/10 Pin Bowling, Aquatics Centre fun, Golf at Denby, BBQ Party, arts & crafts & more.

New Drama Class - for 5 and 6 year olds, Banana Drama 3.20pm Tuesday at Whangarei Theatre Company, Starting Term Three. Beginners drama activities to help your young imaginer find their voice with trained acting teacher and voice coach Helen Morton-Jones. Enrol on line www.makingascene.co.nz. Ta-Da classes ages 7-9 Tue at WTC drama in a real theatre. Acting and Speaking and Theatre in Action yr6 - int. & sec. sch1 Wed- Tue. Just Drama ages 5-8 Wed- Ruakaka: inquire info@makingascene.co.nz

Native Healing Herbals School Holiday Program - learn how to make natural products using native plants, no chemicals & beneficial ingredients, in a fun safe environment. Kids will make healing kawakawa balm, all natural lipbalm, cook a healthy meal from garden to plate, makesoap and kowaowao (clay flute, ages 8-13years, boys and girls, limited spaces, bookings essential. for program dates, fees and details refer to www.nativehealingherbals.co.nz or phone 02102892743 / 0212335438.

Every week you save, you could win your share of \$10,000.

We want to help teach kids the value of saving each week. Every week that they deposit from as little as \$1 into their ASB Headstart account they'll go in the draw to win a \$20, \$50 or \$100 cash prize. This is sure to fast track their savings and get them closer to their goals. Whatever they may be.

The competition runs from 27 January to 14 April, then again from 5 May to 25 June. Deposits can be made through ASB's school savings programme, internet banking (or other electronic method) or at your local ASB branch.

To find out more, contact your school office.

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